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MINUTES OF THE ELECTION OF WATER DISTRICT NO. 16, WILLOW CREEK
AND SAND CREEK, HELD AT THE DENNING GROCERY IN IONA,
BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO.

At 3:30 P.M. March 6th, 1967, there were present Ray S. Robinson, Lawrence Ricks, LeRoy Stanger, and Clifford Scoresby.

The annual meeting of Water District No. 16 was called to order by Lawrence Ricks, Chairman of Water District No. 16.

It was moved by LeRoy Stanger that Lawrence Ricks be elected Chairman for the year 1967, and seconded by Clifford Scoresby.

Clifford Scoresby then nominated Ray S. Robinson for Secretary. Motion seconded by Stanger, and carried.

Mr. Ricks as Chairman then took charge of the meeting. He stated that the order of business of this meeting would be the same as in previous meetings, as follows:

Minutes of last year's annual meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Ricks then asked for a report of the work in the District for the past season of 1966. Thereport gave details of same, the days of regulation of various rights from 1874 to 1885 rights inclusive; that there were 9,078 in 24 hours second feet, and the total charge was \$770.00 for the season.

Then the Chairman explained the proposed 1967 budget for Water District No. 16, the total of same being \$770.00.

A copy of same was given to the Secretary for filing with his other records. The original of the budget was sent to the State Reclamation Department, Boise, Idaho.

Mr. Ricks then presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION:

"Resolved, that the budget in the sum of \$770.00 be hereby approved without alteration, and that Cecil Walker be elected Watermaster for the ensuing year of 1967, at the rate of \$7.00 per day for actual days of service.

It being desirable that a date different from that provided by statute, i.e., June 1st, be fixed as the final date upon which the amount payable from each water user as shown by the budget (adopted) shall become due, Now, therefore, Be it Resolved, that the amounts payable by each ditch, canal company, or individual water users, as shown by the approved budget, (or Watermaster's report), shall become due and payable on or before December 20th, 1967, and said amounts, if not so paid shall bear interest from that date until paid at the rate of eight per cent per annum".

The Chairman then called for a vote on the Resolution, which was as follows: Ray S. Robinson, "yes", Lawrence Ricks, "yes", LeRoy Stanger, "yes", Clifford Scoresby, "Yes". "No" - None.

The Chairman then declared the budget of \$770.00 adopted, and announced that three copies of these minutes would be prepared, to be signed by the Chairman and Secretary before a Notary Public, the original to be mailed to the Department of Reclamation, State House, Boise, Idaho, one copy to be retained by the Secretary and placed in his files, and one copy to be given to the Watermaster for his files.

Also that four copies of the "Adopted Budget" and "Resolutions" would be prepared and signed, the original to be sent to the State Department of Reclamation at Boise, Idaho, one copy to the County Auditor of Bonneville County, Idaho, one copy to the Watermaster of Water District No. 16, and one copy to be retained in the Secretary's file.

Then the Secretary asked the Watermaster to prepare these minutes in triplicate and the adopted budget in quadruplicate, ready for signature.

The Chairman also declared that Cecil Walker is hereby elected as Watermaster for Water District No. 16 for the 1967 season.

An Advisory Committee was appointed consisting of Clifford

Scorestby, Lawrence Ricks, and Leroy Stanger.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Ray S. Robinson
Secretary.

State of Idaho, :
County of Bonneville : ss

We, the Chairman and Secretary of the Annual Meeting mentioned in the foregoing minutes, hereby certify that the same is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the proceedings, and that Cecil Walker was elected to act as Watermaster for Water District No. 16, in Bonneville County, Idaho.

In Witness Whereof, we have executed this certificate this 6th day of March, 1967.

Lawrence Ricks
Lawrence Ricks, Chairman of
Water District #16.

Ray S. Robinson
Ray S. Robinson, Secretary
of Water District #16.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of March,
1967.

Louise I. Blackbird
Notary Public for Idaho.

Residing at Idaho Falls,
Idaho.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF WATER DISTRICT NO. 36
Idaho Falls, Idaho, March 6, 1967

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Bonneville County district courtroom by Watermaster Henry Eagle, with about 300 waterusers present.

It was moved by Walter Chapple and seconded by Russell Holm that Leonard Graham be elected temporary chairman. Motion carried.

Clifford Scoresby was nominated and elected temporary secretary.

The minutes of the March 7, 1966, annual meeting were read by Clifford Scoresby. Moved by William Kerner and seconded by Howard Andrus that minutes be approved as read. Carried.

The Chairman declared a recess for the committees on Organization and Order of Business, Credentials, and Committee of Nine to meet. The following nominations for committees were presented and duly elected:

Committee of Nine: Clyde Greenwell, Al. Peters, Lester Saunders, C. N. Scoresby, Leonard Graham, Lavon Christensen, Leo Murdock, R. W. Walker, Lynn Loosli. Advisory members: F. C. Gillette, Burdell Curtis, Glenn Simmons, William Kerner.

Order of Business: Saul Moore, A. Lovell Holyoak, Robert Burks, Kenneth Hacking, James Kemper, George Jacobson, Merton Gray, Max Mortenson, D. D. Rydalch.

Credentials: Tom Olmstead, Nels Moellor, Russell Wooley, Roland Miller, Frank Kinghorn, Lowell Hicks, Mike Beckman, Ed Rindlishbacker, Martin Bergman, Frank Bailey.

The committees on Organization and Order of Business and on Credentials were excused to conduct their business.

The roll call of canals entitled to vote was read by C. N. Scoresby. Seventy canals with decrees of 32,290 cfs were represented.

1967 Report of Committee on Organization and Order of Business

We, your Committee on Organization and Order of Business, desire to report the following:

We recommend that the temporary organization be made permanent and the following be adopted as the order of business of this meeting:

1. Appointment of a temporary organization.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
3. Recess for caucus
4. Roll call
5. Report of Committees
6. Financial report of District

7. Electic of Committee of Nine
8. Resolutions
9. Election of Watermaster
10. Unfinished business
11. New business

We, the committee on Organization and Order of Business recommend that the Committee of Nine act as a permanent resolutions committee, and anyone desiring to present a resolution be requested to present it to the Committee of Nine.

James Kemper, Chairman

The report was adopted.

1967 Report of Committee on Credentials

We, your committee on Credentials, recommend the following for your consideration:

1. That the representatives of different rights be determined by roll call in advance of voting.
2. That the companies or other organizations owning decreed water rights shall be entitled to vote through their duly elected officers or by written proxy. Each stockholder of any company not represented by duly elected officers or by written proxy shall be entitled to vote the stock held by them.
3. That in case two or more officers are present from any canal company they shall select one man to vote the stock of said company.
4. That power rights be not recognized in the voting.
5. That no person be elected to membership and service on the Committee of Nine unless he be a landowner and wateruser in the Canal Company or Irrigation District which he represents during the term of his office.

Tom Olmstead, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Henry Eagle read the Annual Report of the Committee of Nine to the Waterusers, which includes the financial report. Moved by Reed Oldham that the report be accepted. Motion was seconded and carried.

Grant Stucki moved that those previously nominated for membership on the Committee of Nine be elected. Motion seconded and carried.

Robert R. Lee, Director, Idaho Water Resources Board, expressed pleasure at being able to attend the meeting and become acquainted with waterusers. He explained the history and functions of the Board.

In November 1964, a constitutional amendment was approved permitting the establishment of such an agency. Legislation was passed on March 30, 1965, creating the Idaho Water Resources Board. Board members were appointed in July 1965.

The board has been instrumental in obtaining basin account legislation. It is cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service and the University of Idaho in a \$58,000 soil survey program. An expanded force is needed before much can be undertaken. The request for the 1967-69 biennium is \$957,000. A threat of diversion of waters from the Snake River basin exists. The Columbia-Northwest Resources study is scheduled for completion in 1970. Idaho must be represented if its needs are to be considered. We have two weapons: (1) Political power, (2) facts. Facts will be developed through studies, largely by existing agencies. Needed personnel can be obtained only if adequate appropriations are provided. There is an urge for haste because of outside pressures.

R. Keith Higginson, Idaho State Reclamation Engineer, expressed appreciation for the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with Snake River waterusers. He introduced his assistant, Steven Allred, who was raised near Lorenzo. He referred to a copy of the first meeting of the Committee of Nine held in April 1919. The approved salary of the watermaster for that season was \$3,600 including use of car. Mr. Higginson referred to six bills in the present legislature that are concerned with water matters. Subjects covered include critical groundwater areas; maintaining surveys of appropriations, both surface and groundwater; licensing of well drillers; changed in points of diversion and use; issuing of notices prior to the time of granting permits for appropriations of water and regulations for cancellation of permits.

Special use permits have been issued by the forest service since about 1905. A movement has been started in Oregon to cancel these permits and replace them with permits that might result in the loss of water rights.

Morlan Nelson, Snow Survey Supervisor, showed comparisons of snow surveys and runoff at Haise for past years. The forecast for Haise for April through September 1967 is 3,800,000 acre-feet. This is 98% of average.

The snow pillow has been in place on the Glade Creek snow course since last fall. Difficulties with the electronic equipment have prevented the sending of signals to Moran. It appears that a reliable installation can be obtained by moving to a nearby location next summer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

G. J. Gronewald, Department of Army Representative, Columbia-North Pacific Technical Staff, explained the functions of his organization. Coordinated Federal-State studies will develop projected future needs and demands for water and plans on how these needs can best be met. The Columbia-North Pacific Region Study is one of eighteen authorized for the United States. The ultimate benefactors of the studies of this group are the citizens of the Pacific Northwest and the nation.

Norman Moore, Assistant Regional Director, expressed Harold Nelson's regrets at being unable to attend. Harold is in Tanzania, East Africa, as a consultant on water problems. Bureau of Reclamation representatives introduced were: Terry Gulley, Jim Skiles, Bob Pittard, Jim Wilson and William Burpee, solicitor.

Glenn Simmons reviewed the reservoir operations for the past year. The stilling basin at Palisades was repaired a year ago. Tailwaters at Jackson Lake were unwatered last fall for the first time and condition of dam found to be good. All reservoir releases have been kept to a minimum during the storage season and all reservoirs will fill.

Ed Neal reported on the Ririe Dam. This project was authorized Oct. 23, 1962. It will be built by the Army Engineers and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation. There will be 80,000 acre-feet of irrigation space which is over-subscribed. A committee on allocations has been meeting. Ririe space is considered supplemental rather than being adequate for new land.

Allan McGregor, Project Development Engineer, showed slides and presented information on the Teton Basin Project. Funds for preconstruction work are available. Mr. Pittard has been appointed project engineer with offices in St. Anthony. First stage includes dam, power plant, canals and wells. A second stage will bring water to the Rexburg bench. The dam will be 310 feet high and reservoir will extend upstream 17 miles. General plans are being prepared for the following: Lyon Crandall project, Southwest Idaho Development, Jackson Lake replacement, American Falls dam replacement, Snake River Plains recharge project, Salmon Falls Division, Oakley Fan Division, Raft River area.

Willis Burnham, District Chief for Idaho, U. S. Geological Survey, mentioned the special arrangements whereby a federal employee is permitted to act as watermaster. He expressed the opinion that Henry Eagle was well qualified for the position of watermaster. He explained the functions of the Water Resources Division of the Geological Survey. It is concerned with the gathering and interpretation of data with the cooperation and assistance of other agencies. Mr. Burnham introduced Arthur Larson, Hydraulic Engineer, and Michael Bennett, Hydrologist, employees in the Idaho Falls office.

C. N. Scoresby read the report of the resolutions committee, as follows:

Resolution No. 1

That the following transmission losses be charged on stored water:
1.7% Moran to Palisades; 0.8% Palisades to Heise; 4.4% Heise to Lorenzo;
0.5% Lorenzo to Woodville; 6% Woodville to Blackfoot; 4% Henrys Lake to
Island Park; 2% Island Park to Warm River; 0.5% Warm River to Ashton.

Resolution No. 2

That in an attempt to establish pre-reservoir conditions, stored water when released from reservoirs shall be charged a reasonable amount to cover lag and river bank storage, said amount to be repaid to stored water by natural flow before the close of the irrigation season.

Resolution No. 3

We recommend that Henry C. Eagle be elected Watermaster for the ensuing year, at a salary of \$14,217 per annum.

Resolution No. 4

Resolved: That the duties of the Watermaster shall begin on this date and continue for a full period of one year.

Resolution No. 5

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR WATER DISTRICT NO. 35 for year beginning April 1, 1967

Engineers, Hydrographers and office employees:

1 Watermaster	1 year	\$14,217.00
1 Hydraulic Engineer	1 year	11,426.00
1 Hydrologist	1 year	9,251.00
2 Hydrographers	4 mos. @ \$480 mo.	3,840.00
1 Hydrographer	6 mos. @ \$480 mo.	2,880.00
1 Hydrographer	1 mo. @ \$430 mo.	430.00
1 Clerk	1 year	6,739.00
1 Engineering Aid	2 mos. @ \$320 mo.	640.00
		\$49,423.00

River Riders, including mileage:

2 Henrys Fork	3½ mos. @ \$19.00 day	4,180.00
1 Teton River	5 mos. @ \$19.00 day	2,910.00
1 Heise division	3½ mos. @ \$14.50 day	1,552.00
1 Rigby division	3½ mos. @ \$14.50 day	1,552.00
1 Idaho Falls division	50 days @ \$15.50 day	775.00
1 Blackfoot division	3½ mos. @ \$14.50 day	1,552.00
1 Swan Valley	100 days @ \$14.00 day	1,400.00
1 Upper Fall River	3½ mos. @ \$155 mo.	525.00
1 Leigh Creek	450 hrs. @ \$2.25 hr.	1,012.00
		15,458.00

Budget - continued

Miscellaneous:

Transportation, 35,000 miles @ 10¢ a mile	\$3,500.00	
Transportation, Government car, 1 year	2,100.00	
Telephone and Telemark	900.00	
Supplies and Equipment	7,000.00	
Gage readers	750.00	
Construction, repairs, maintenance	2,000.00	
Social Security, Bond Premium & Insurance	1,100.00	
Ground-water studies	1,500.00	
Retirement and Insurance (Federal)	3,200.00	
Government travel expense	800.00	
Miscellaneous (postage, interest, subsistence)	1,100.00	<u>\$18,950.00</u>
Sub-total		\$83,831.00
Snow Pillow and transmitting equipment		<u>9,000.00</u>
Total		<u>\$92,831.00</u>
Estimated State and Federal funds		<u>34,000.00</u>
Balance to be paid by waterusers		\$58,831.00
Salary at \$10.00 per day and expenses of upper valley members of Committee of Nine, to be paid canals		<u>1,800.00</u>
		\$60,631.00

The Watermaster is hereby authorized to prepare a statement at the close of the 1967 irrigation season covering actual expenses incurred during the preceding year chargeable to the waterusers, and same shall be pro-rated among the various canals in proportion to the amount of water diverted by each, and he shall then collect same; and he is further authorized to withhold deliveries of water in 1967 from any canals that have not paid their pro-rata share of 1966 costs until such time as said costs are paid.

Resolution No. 6

We recommend that the Committee of Nine be continued with nine regular members. The members representing the Burley and Minidoka Irrigation Districts to be alternated between the two districts as they may arrange. In addition, advisory members representing the Bureau of Reclamation, Teton Basin, Gooding Canal, and a member from the Burley or Minidoka District, whichever is not currently represented on the regular committee. Any canal company or district desiring to have representatives attend meetings of the Committee of Nine should notify the Watermaster, who will then advise them of dates and times of Committee meetings so that they may have an opportunity to attend such meetings.

Resolution No. 7

WHEREAS, in the operation of Water District No. 36 it is necessary to borrow money at times to meet expenses of operation prior to collections from the canal companies at the close of the irrigation season,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Watermaster, or acting Watermaster in case of his absence, is hereby authorized to borrow from time to time during the year ending March 31, 1968, such sums as are necessary to pay outstanding bills, signing notes as authorized officer of District No. 36 as security therefor, the total amount of any such outstanding indebtedness at any one time not, however, to exceed \$20,000.00.

Resolution No. 8

WHEREAS, the operation of the storage pool committee in past years has proved to be of valuable assistance to the watermaster in providing an orderly distribution of rental water.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a pool committee again be appointed by the chairman of the Committee of Nine for the following purposes:

1. To determine general policy regarding source of rental water;
2. To assist the watermaster in the allocation of rental water;
3. To consult with the watermaster on ways to most fully utilize available storage water.

Resolution No. 9

WHEREAS, it has long been the policy of Water District No. 36 to urge and promote orderly development of the water resources of the State of Idaho and commencement, when practicable, of development of the upper stretches of our rivers to prevent waste by flooding and to obtain maximum use of the water as it flows through our state; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Lynn Crandall project, on the South Fork of the Snake River near Burns Creek, is a project designed for multiple use, to provide, among other things, much needed supplemental water for irrigation of lands now under cultivation as well as to provide water for arid lands which are not now irrigated, and, at the same time, to serve as a reregulating reservoir for the Palisades Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the waterusers of Water District No. 36 at their annual meeting held in the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, this 6th day of March, 1967, that they hereby urge the Idaho Water Resource Board to approve the Lynn Crandall project for early construction by the Bureau of Reclamation, in keeping with the long established policy of favoring upstream development in order to permit the greatest use of water as it flows through the state, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this association urge the early authorization by the Congress of the Lynn Crandall project.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waterusers of Water District No. 36, at its annual meeting held on March 6, 1967, at Idaho Falls, Idaho, do hereby reaffirm their previous support for the construction of the Lower Teton Project on the Teton Range, and urge the appropriation by the Congress of the United States of funds for the early construction of the project.

The Committee of Nine recommends that each of the two following resolutions be adopted as Resolution No. 11.

Upper Snake River Waterusers Protective Union
Resolution

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Reclamation has issued a report apprising us of a chemical reaction in the aggregate and cement of the American Falls Dam Structure which is weakening and causing a deterioration of the structure, making it unsafe;

WHEREAS, we are apprised that the American Falls Dam was never designed to be filled to capacity during the period when there is an ice cover on the reservoir; and

WHEREAS, we are informed that at the time of construction of the American Falls Dam it was not contemplated that the reservoir would be used for storage of water during the winter months when there was an ice cover on the reservoir and that it was designed only for filling during the spring runoff; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the Snake River has changed in recent years due to construction of the Palisades project and the Island Park Reservoir, which change in the storage operation of the Snake River necessitates the storage of water in American Falls Reservoir during the winter months when there is an ice cover on the reservoir; and

WHEREAS, this association has long favored a policy of upstream storage on our rivers to permit greater use of water as it flows through our state; and

WHEREAS, storage in the proposed Lynn Crandall project and in other possible upstream sites above American Falls will accommodate all future storage which the Snake River can sustain; and

WHEREAS, the enlarged version of the American Falls project could result in eliminating the upstream storage that would be provided by the Lynn Crandall project or any other project upstream from American Falls and where it would produce the greatest benefits to the Upper Snake River Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Idaho Water District No. 36 at its annual meeting in Idaho Falls, Idaho, this 6th day of March, 1967,

that it recognizes the need for the rebuilding of the American Falls Dam and this association favors the rebuilding of the American Falls Dam so that it will provide the same amount of storage that is contained in the present American Falls Reservoir; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is premised upon the representation that the Bureau of Reclamation will seek to have included, in the authorizing legislation, assurances that the rights and positions of all water users in the present American Falls Reservoir shall remain exactly the same as they are now if a new dam is constructed, and that excess land limitation provisions of the Reclamation Act of 1902 will not attach by the rebuilding of the dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this association favors projects upstream above American Falls for any additional storage.

Spaceholders in American Falls Reservoir
Resolution

WHEREAS, officials of the Bureau of Reclamation have advised that it is imperative that the present American Falls Dam be replaced as speedily as possible; and that the upper eight feet of storage in the present reservoir cannot be filled under certain ice conditions, with the consequent possibility of loss of storage in some years, and

WHEREAS, owners of space in the reservoir have consulted with independent engineers and have their opinion along with that of the Bureau of Reclamation, that there is some deterioration in the dam, and

WHEREAS, the top engineering officials of the Bureau are firm in the opinion that under present conditions there is too much risk involved to permit complete filling of the reservoir under certain ice conditions and the owners of space are of the opinion that the reservoir must be completely filled each year if losses of storage water are to be avoided, and

WHEREAS, a condition precedent to the construction of this dam was that contractors for space should pay in cash in advance before construction, and consequently, various canal companies and irrigation districts paid in the order of Four Million Dollars for 840,000 acre-feet of space, or approximately one-half of the total capacity of 1,700,000 acre-feet; substantially all of said money having been obtained by the sale of bonds bearing interest in the amount of 6% or more, all of which bonds and interest were paid in full by the water users, and

WHEREAS, other subsequent contractors for space have since entered into repayment contracts and have paid varying amounts, depending on their individual contracts, toward the repayment of the construction cost of said dam, and

WHEREAS, all of such payments were made, and all of such contracts were entered into, under the belief that the Bureau of Reclamation had

designed, and that there would be, or had been, constructed a safe and adequate structure which would have a normal life period for a dam of that type and character, and

WHEREAS, by reason of all of said payments aforesaid and the extensive other payments made in maintaining the structure and in protecting and increasing the flowage easements for the reservoir thereof, all of said entities who have contracted for space in said reservoir claim vested ownership therein and prior and superior rights to the waters stored in their respective contractual spaces therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the present owners of space in American Falls Reservoir that:

(a) Any replacement of the American Falls dam shall be of the same size and capacity as the present reservoir, and

(b) That the rights of all parties in and to the present reservoir shall be precisely and identically the same in the new reservoir, and

(c) That the status quo of the said contract holder shall remain unchanged in the new reservoir in all respects, with their contracts the same as to priority, excess land law requirements and in all other respects, and

(d) That those companies or districts which have paid in full, or have partially paid and are in the process of paying for construction costs shall have the full and unrestricted right to assert before the Interior Department, the Executive Department or Committees of Congress their respective rights for credits upon, or freedom from payment for the proposed replacement dam as their respective rights may appear.

(e) That a program for replacement of the American Falls Dam under the foregoing conditions be promptly initiated.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, each of the above resolutions was adopted.

L. C. Anderson moved that Henry Eagle be elected watermaster for the coming year. Motion seconded by Lowell Hicks and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Leonard Graham, Chairman

C. N. Scoresby, Secretary

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF NINE
March 5, 1967
Bonneville Hotel Idaho Falls, Idaho

The Committee of Nine met at 3:15 p.m. following the meeting of the American Falls spaceholders. Those attending were: Leonard Graham, chairman, Alfred Peters, vice-chairman, C. N. Scoresby, secretary, Leo Murdock, R. Willis Walker, Lynn Loosli, Lavon Christensen, Lester Saunders, and Burdell Curtis. Advisory members Clyde Greenwell, William Kerner and Glenn Simmons, and Henry Eagle, Watermaster.

The Annual Report of the Committee of Nine to the waterusers as prepared by the watermaster was considered. Scoresby moved that the report be approved. Seconded by Saunders. Carried.

Resolutions 1-4 were considered. Motion was duly made, seconded and carried that each be approved.

Resolution No. 5 (the proposed budget) was explained in detail. The item of \$800 for expenses of the Committee of Nine was raised to \$1,800 on motion by Scoresby, seconded by Walker and carried. Resolution No. 5 was then approved.

Resolutions 6-10 were considered. Motion and second for the approval of each was then made and carried.

The above resolutions are all a part of the minutes of the annual water meeting of March 6.

Willis Burnham, District Chief for Idaho for the U. S. Geological Survey, was introduced. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend the committee meeting and to become acquainted with the members.

R. Keith Higginson, Idaho State Reclamation Engineer was introduced. He presented his assistant, Steven Allred. Mr. Higginson thanked the Committee for the opportunity to become acquainted with Snake River waterusers. He noted that only costs for the distribution of natural flow should be included in the annual watermaster's bill. He expressed concern over action in Oregon where Forest Service special permits may be canceled and replaced with permits with added restrictive clauses that might cancel existing water rights. He referred to filings for supplementary decrees on Snake River and noted that he had requested additional information from Henry Eagle.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The Committee met at 12:15 p.m. on March 6, for a luncheon meeting at the Bonneville Hotel. All members were present except Burdell Curtis who was represented by C. A. Barrington. All advisory members were present including F. C. Gillette from Teton Basin.

Two proposed resolutions were presented relative to the replacement of American Falls Dam. One had been approved by the Upper Snake River Protective Union. The other was presented by the owners of space in the lower valley.

It was explained that the two were in no way in conflict but emphasized different aspects of the matter.

Leo Murdock moved that both resolutions be presented to the waterusers for approval. Motion seconded by Gillette and carried.

The urgency of the approval of appropriations for the Water Resources Board was discussed.

Lynn Loosli moved that the Committee of Nine go on record as supporting the bill now being considered in the legislature. Also that other members of the legislature be contacted and urged to support the appropriation bill. This message was carried to the legislators through Mr. Holden's office.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

The Committee met in the district courtroom at 3:40 p.m., following the annual water meeting.

All officers were reelected: Leonard Graham, chairman; Alfred Peters, Vice-chairman; C. N. Scoresby, Secretary.

Glenn Simmons arranged for two members of the Committee to tour the Jackson Lake watershed via snowplane.

Cecil Green introduced Mr. Quist, chairman of the Lost River Irrigation District, and Shirley Hense who explained their problems on Lost River with regard to fishladders. S.B. 93 has been approved by the Senate and is now in the Ways and Means Committee of the House. It repeals and re-enacts parts of sections 36-1103 and 36-1104 of the Idaho Code. It would provide that the Fish and Game Commission pay for the costs of fish ladders rather than the waterusers.

Leo Murdock moved that the Committee of Nine contact members of the House in the present session of the legislature and urge them to bring S.B. 93 to a favorable vote. Seconded by Walker and carried. A letter was sent to several of the members of the House in line with the above motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

C. N. Scoresby, Secretary

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MEETING OF AMERICAN FALLS SPACEHOLDERS
Idaho Falls, Idaho March 5, 1967

The American Falls spaceholders met at the Bonneville Hotel in Idaho Falls at 2:35 p.m., March 6.

Leonard Graham conducted the meeting with the assistance of Mr. John Barker. Mr. Graham reviewed briefly the information on the condition of the American Falls dam and proposals for replacement.

The following statement was made by Miss Angela Butterfield, Counselor for the Shoshone-Bannock tribe:

The Indians have been the objects of 300 years of misunderstanding. Their families have been dying and now their cultures are dying. We are still in the process of displacing the Indians. The latest threat is the prospect of being flooded by a dam at American Falls.

The Indians are not interested in the replacement of the Fort Hall bottomlands with other land. These bottomlands are a needed supplement to summer range. The Fort Hall bottomland is still in its original condition and unspoiled by man. In dealing with our natural resources we should consider values other than the dollar. After our past record, there is every reason for not again breaking faith with the Indian.

Russell Holm noted that bottom land could be protected from flooding by use of dykes.

William Kerner noted that there are upstream damsites that can be used instead of the American Falls enlargement.

Henry Eagle pointed out that there is inflow to American Falls Reservoir that cannot be stored in any upstream reservoir. Also, the bottomlands would be flooded for only a short time in the spring.

Miss Butterfield replied that any flooding of the area would kill the native plants and grasses and destroy its usefulness.

William Holden reviewed the stand of the Upper Snake River Protective Union. The replacement of American Falls Dam at its present height appears to be the wise thing to do for the following reasons: 1. It avoids damage to the Indian lands. 2. It avoids damage to the Aberdeen-Springfield area. 3. It is in agreement with desires of waterusers in the lower valley. 4. It will not delay the authorization of the Lynn Crandall project.

In answer to a question Allan McGregor estimated that not more than 3% of the original space in American Falls is now filled with silt.

Miss Butterfield asked if any thought had been given to removing the silt from the reservoir.

Mr. McGregor replied that there had not been but it was his opinion that it would be too costly.

Glenn Simmons stated his opinion that silting in American Falls is not a major problem. The original ground surface is still visible at many parts of the reservoir. Much silt is removed each year by flow from the reservoir. With each additional upstream reservoir, less silt is carried into American Falls.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. A later meeting of American Falls spaceholders was held to study proposed resolutions relative to American Falls replacement.

H. C. Eagle, Secretary

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